

Throughout his career, Mr. Stucky has worked in several capacities including Water Specialist and Water Operator.

Mr. Stucky has served the citizens of Kingsburg loyally and with dedication. His insight and efforts have kept the city's water supply clean, safe, and reliable for all those in the community.

After twenty seven years with the City of Kingsburg, Mr. Stucky retired on January 6, 2016. The City of Kingsburg has been extremely lucky to have such a diligent and hardworking individual protect their water supply.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Mr. Robert Stucky for his decades of dedicated public service and congratulating him on his recent retirement.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF CBP'S AIR AND MARINE OPERATIONS—OR AMO

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the merger of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) air and marine assets, which today are known as CBP's Air and Marine Operations—or AMO. This valuable component of CBP provides critical aviation and maritime capabilities that support security along the nation's land and maritime borders.

Prior to the establishment of DHS in 2003, the assets and personnel that comprise AMO were divided amongst multiple agencies, including the U.S. Customs Service and the U.S. Border Patrol. These resources were consolidated under DHS and integrated into CBP to better coordinate and align our nation's border and maritime security resources and increase the effectiveness of those resources.

Today, AMO helps secure our nation from transnational threats, including terrorism; weapons and drug smuggling; and other illicit transnational activities.

With 1,800 federal agents and specialists, a fleet of aircraft and marine vessels, and an array of advanced surveillance and domain awareness technologies, AMO conducts its mission along our land borders and coastlines, and within the nation's interior.

Based out of more than 90 locations throughout the United States, AMO performed approximately 30,000 missions, which supported 51,000 apprehensions and made 4,500 arrests ensuring the safety and security of our nation.

As one of the nation's largest and most capable aviation and maritime law enforcement organization, AMO leverages its capabilities by forging crucial partnerships with international, federal, state, local and tribal agencies in support of national security, law enforcement, disaster relief, and humanitarian operations.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I want to commend the men and women of the CBP's Air and Marine Operations for their years of service and wish them a happy 10th anniversary.

HONORING MAMIE OSBORNE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mamie Osborne, who is an assistant professor of English and has devoted herself to teaching and research since she began working at MVSU in 1999. She completed post-graduate studies at the University of Toledo, University of Louisville, and University of Mississippi in American literature, rhetoric and composition, children's and young adult literature, and received an undergraduate degree in English from MVSU.

As a professor, Osborne assisted the Department of English and Foreign Languages' English Education program successfully by drafting two NCATE self-study reports and earning the program the status of "Nationally Recognized" twice; she is a member of Valley's Quality Enhancement Plan faculty team; and she holds membership in the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and the Black Caucus of NCTE.

Osborne is a scholar and creative writer. Her scholarly and creative works have been published in national and international scholarly and literary journals including: The Southern Quarterly, Valley Voices, Black Magnolias, The Kentucky River, and Renditions (Hong Kong). Her interview with Sterling Plump by the University Press of Mississippi in spring, 2016. She has also made numerous presentations at professional conferences and serves as an editor for Valley Voices, a national journal for criticism and writing published at MVSU.

The assistant professor devotes herself to community service. Osborne has volunteered to help the City of Itta Bena address its community's literacy problem by volunteering during the summer and after school at the Itta Bena Public Library and for the past two years conducted workshops for the MVSU Reading Institute in children and young adult literature and writing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mamie Osborne, a professor, writer, researcher and educator, for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

MOURNING THE LOSS AND HONORING THE LIFE OF CARROLL PATRICK OLIVER

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mrs. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I have taken to this floor too many times to mourn tragic deaths caused by senseless acts of gun violence.

I rise today to remember Mr. Carroll Patrick Oliver of Houston, Texas, a well-loved and respected businessman and community leader of my 18th district.

Mr. Oliver was tragically murdered on Monday, January 11, 2016, when he was shot and killed in a robbery as he left his place of business to do a morning bank run.

A former Chicago police officer and lawful gun owner, Mr. Oliver attempted to defend himself when approached by the robbers but was ruthlessly shot by one of the thieves as they attempted to steal his briefcase.

As a McDonalds franchise owner for nearly 37 years, Mr. Oliver was well known throughout Houston as a kind-hearted and giving man, who helped open many doors for those in his community.

He often fed the homeless and neighborhood children simply in need of a warm meal.

He did not hesitate to help those he knew or those he came across in need of a helping hand.

Laudably, Mr. Oliver was most recognized for providing employment opportunities to help individuals succeed in his community, including hiring teenagers from a local high school and working with several programs to hire individuals with criminal records looking for a second chance.

Mr. Oliver also served as a volunteer Chaplain for the Fort Bend County Precinct Two Constable's office, where he led the community in prayer at school events and nursing homes.

Giving back to his community in more ways than one, Mr. Oliver had a servant's heart and a lifelong calling to help the poor and underprivileged.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jolene Oliver and their two children Cedric Oliver and Stephanie Oliver, as well as a host of relatives, friends and his McDonald's family.

The loss of this great man will run deep throughout Houston.

We will miss him and his beautiful acts of kindness and generosity.

I hope Houston can find peace and comfort in the legacy of greatness he leaves with us, and that others continue to follow in his footsteps.

I also hope that we continue to fight gun violence and find ways to prevent these awful acts of violence.

This tragic event sadly demonstrates the clear and present dangers of gun violence in our society, despite individuals being a lawful gun owner themselves.

As my colleagues and I continue to push for gun safety legislation, we must come together and acknowledge that we are all at risk, and that none of us are immune from the dangers of gun violence.

In solemn remembrance of this beloved and remarkable community leader, I ask that a moment of silence be observed in his memory.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, on January 11, 2016, I was unable to cast a vote on two measures which were before the floor of the House of Representatives due to business I was conducting in my capacity as Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee. Therefore, I would like to present this letter of intent.

The two measures that I was unable to cast a vote on were Roll Call Number 34, H.R. 598, the Taxpayer Right-To-Know Act, and